(c) if so, the steps taken to revive this unit and complete its structure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Owing to time and cost overruns, the pharmaceutical project of MSDPL could not be completed. A professional consultant was engaged to study the viability of this unit and has given a report.

(b) and (c) MSDPL is a joint venture of Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. and Manipur Industrial Development Corporation. The comments of the Government of Manipur on the viability of the unit have been sought to decide about the course of action.

Energy consumption by Urea Units

2801. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the average consumption of energy for the Gas-based and Naphtha-based Urea Plants during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the respective figures for the most efficient Units, worldwide?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The average energy consumption for the gas based and naphtha based urea plants during the last three years is as follows:

Feed stock	Energy consumption (Million kilo calories per tonne of urea)		
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Gas	6.39	6.35	6.31
Naphtha	7.97	7.56	7.34

(Source: Fertilizer Association of India)

(b) Authentic published data of energy consumption pertaining to the most efficient urea units, world-wide is not available with the Government.